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## HOW TO AVERT HIGHER TAXES.

Deciding kicking at the street car service, it is said that Bridgeport people will have tax rates to kick at too. It is asserted that the city will soon have to build a temporary bridge, that an increase of \$32,000 has already been voted to the salaries of the firemen, that the schools are in need of heavy expenditures and that the State tax will take about \$45,000 a year out of the municipal pocket. An increase of the tax rate from 15.5 mills to something like 18 mills is predicted. It is to be remembered, too, that Bridgeport is one of the cities where they profess to have a 100 per cent. valuation for property for tax purposes. If that contention can be maintained a tax of 18 mills in that city would correspond to a tax of 27 mills here in Hartford, where the tax goes in at about two-thirds of its actual value.—Hartford Courant.

Bridgeport has not a 100 per cent. valuation of all property for tax purposes. Its homes and most if not all of its commercial enterprises are listed at full value, and the homes pay five-eighths of the taxation. An effort to raise all property to full valuation is in progress, but is antagonized by the interests which have for years dodged their fair share of taxation. They are even endeavoring to prevent public access to census and corporation returns, in order to stop the local assessors from accurate information upon which to base increased valuations. With all property listed at real value, Bridgeport could easily meet all necessary expenses, make all needed improvements and pay the State tax, and all this without increasing the tax rate. Tax equalization is the solution of Bridgeport's main problem, how to avert a higher tax rate.

The deferring of the recommendation of amendments to the Anti-Trust and Interstate Commerce laws by President Taft, with a promise of special messages, is interpreted by Wall Street to mean that he will await decisions from the Supreme Court upon the American Tobacco and Standard Oil cases. It seems to be a reasonable interpretation, despite the fact that he promises the messages at the "first convenient opportunity."

The Independent Telephone Association which is fighting to the limit of its ability what it calls "the new billion dollar wire trust"—meaning, thereby, the A. T. & T.—Western Union combination—is endeavoring to trace the moves of the so-called "wire trust" to Wall Street. Its literary bureau states that "evidence of all such dealing (the purchase of all independent systems) through the big financial houses of Wall Street will be sought for immediate presentation to the government authorities in the localities affected." The bureau adds that a commissioner has been appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court "to take testimony in this probing of Wall Street's connection with the great activities of the telephone trust."

Can it be true, as reported, that "there was a gentlemen's agreement made between Senator Bulkeley and ex-Governor McLean that the former would not enter the Senatorial fight for another term." A friend of the latter says:

From what I can learn after an investigation of this report I am satisfied that Governor McLean would never have gone into the Senatorial fight had he believed for a moment that Senator Bulkeley would run again or would run against him. We all know how intimate these two gentlemen have been in the past politically, and we all know that they have been the very warmest kind of friends. It is true now that they are friends today but hardly in the same sense as that which marked their intimacy in the days gone by. With this well-known friendship between these two leaders in the Republican party, it doesn't strike the McLean men in Connecticut that McLean would deliberately go in to a contest for a seat now occupied by Senator Bulkeley.

This report may exercise a material influence upon the coming Senatorial contest. In substance, it is a charge of bad faith against Senator Bulkeley, at which Ex-Gov. McLean is the victim.

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## KILLED BY FALL

**DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT**  
Hartford, Dec. 14.—Storrs E. Emmons, 23 years old, an employee of the Plimpton & Hills company, fell down an elevator shaft in the company's plant on Ann street yesterday and died last night in St. Francis hospital from a fracture of the skull. Emmons' home was in Brooklyn, N. Y.

## JUDGE WHEELER DECIDES

**NEW HARTFORD DRY**  
Winsted, Dec. 14.—New Hartford will not be in the license column this year, according to a decision just handed down by Judge George W. Wheeler, of the superior court. In his decision he finds that proper notice of the fact that license was to be voted upon was not given. The law requires five days' notice and but four was given. It is understood that the matter will be taken to the supreme court.

## TARDY AND RELUCTANT RECOGNITION

Tax equalization seems to be coming within the view of the original projectors and organizers of the Taxpayers' League. They refused to recognize its existence as a live question until confronted with the unequivocal language of the statute; they even, through the chairman of a preliminary meeting, declared it out of order when an attempt was made to include it within the official statement of the league's purposes. It was a singular position to take—to exclude law-enforcement from a declaration of intention "to secure the enactment and enforcement of laws." But a great light has evidently broken upon the league members, for the one who ruled out of order the matter of tax equalization, is now reported as asserting that the organization will meet all questions, "not even," as quoted by the Morning Telegram, "tax equalization being shirked." And even the acting secretary now admits that tax equalization is among the "futures." Thus it seems that "Wilsonian" methods have finally fruited, though we judge from the use of the word "futures," that the league will delay the gathering of the crop so long as possible.

That there exists among the league's organizers a feeling of anger against the leading advocate of tax equalization for having pushed it to the point of tardy and reluctant recognition by them, is indicated by Saturday's published communication of the acting secretary. They evidently would be greatly pleased if they dared to openly attack tax equalization—"willing to wound and yet afraid to strike." Under such conditions, their spite is vented upon Mr. Lynn W. Wilson, with singular disregard of the grotesque inconsistency of a professionally law-enforcement organization attacking an advocate of law enforcement. The attack is, upon close examination, found to be of the boomerang type:

As some muskets do contrive it,  
As oft to miss the mark they drive at,  
And, though well aimed at duck or plover,  
Bear wide and kick their owners over.

## EAST CAN RAISE

**APPLES GOOD AS BEST OF WEST**  
Hale of Glastonbury Gives Views on New England Apples to Bridgeport Correspondent.

There was an article of considerable interest in the Farmer recently in regard to the address of J. H. Hale, of Glastonbury, before the State Board of Trade on the prospects for fruit growing in Connecticut, which subject is at the present time arousing a great deal of attention all over the state, it having been proved in localities that this region is inferior to none in its possibilities for fruit growing, including apples, peaches, and grapes.

Special interest attaches to this question because agricultural values have sunk to a very low ebb, not only in Connecticut, but all over New England, due to the most part to the migration of the people to the centers of population, or to the West, and consequently the virtual abandonment of farming land all through this region. Now the balance seems to be swinging the other way and through the development of the fruit growing industry, now just beginning, the agricultural districts bid fair to be resurrected to a vigorous prosperity.

Mr. Hale himself has been one of the pioneers in the development work, owning and operating large peach and apple growing orchards at South Glastonbury and Seymour, and through his activity in this work has been much in demand all over the state by associations engaged in promoting new industry.

On Wednesday evening of this week Mr. Hale is going to address the Board of Trade at Norwalk on the apple subject, and invitations are being put out all over the state for those interested to attend.

Harry P. Porter, the city, who has been in correspondence with Mr. Hale recently was in receipt of a letter from him in which appeared the following:

"There is no question in my mind but that the hilly lands east of the Hudson River are the best in all America for growing apples."

"While just at the present time some of those from the far West are more beautiful, the Eastern Apple is not only as good as the Western, but has a quality as far superior that there is no comparison."

## BEING KILLED BY SLOW POISONING

New Haven, Dec. 14.—Coroner Mix is investigating the death of George Russell and Mrs. Albert Durand. Russell, who boarded with the Durands, died several months ago. A few weeks after his death the wife of a Deputy Sheriff brought to the Coroner a letter which Russell had written just before he died. It said that he was very ill at the home of the Durands, and believed that he was being killed by slow poisoning. He asked that the Coroner be notified and an autopsy be ordered in case he died. His letter said that his property, which amounted to about \$5,000, was willed to the Durands.

Coroner Mix did not order an autopsy because of the fact that Russell had been dead several weeks. Russell's property passed to the Durands.

Several days ago Mrs. Durand was suddenly taken ill. She was removed from her home on Edgewood avenue to the West Hill Sanatorium, a private institution, and died after two or three days' illness.

The case was brought to the Coroner's attention, but he announced that he can find no evidence of poisoning.

## TAFT IN DANGER AT CARNEGIE HALL

New York, Dec. 14.—President Taft came very near being pushed from the platform last night in Carnegie Hall by an enthusiastic crowd of men and women all trying to get close to the Nation's Chief Executive in order to shake hands.

Had it not been for the timely intervention of several Secret Service men and Capt. Archibald Butt, Military Aid to the President, Mr. Taft might have been forced off the edge of the stage and down into the orchestra pit. Indeed, it looked for a moment as though even they could not save him.

## WATERBURY WANTS

**AN A. B. C. CLUB**  
State Organization May Be Formed to Promote Music—Name Has Musical Origin.

The A. B. C. Club, of this city, which has for its object the promotion of the musical and social life is soon to be established in other cities of the state. Yesterday afternoon J. J. Cunningham and Edward Francis, committee of two from the A. B. C. Musical Club of Waterbury visited the club rooms of the local organization on Main street, asking permission for the use of the name of the local organization. As the local club could use that name without their permission. It is the intention of the Waterbury club to affiliate themselves with the local young men, and also to take up the movement with other musical clubs in the state, thus forming a state body under the name of the A. B. C. Club, with the home club in this city. The project has received very favorable mention among the members of the organization in this city.

The name of the A. B. C. Club is a peculiar one. It is the belief of some that the letters are used because they are the first three letters of the alphabet, others, that it is an abbreviation of some name, but, one of the objects of the club is music, the staff is selected as an emblem. The second and third space, A and C, respectively, with the line between B, are chosen to form the name of the organization.

## SOLDIER LEAPER DIES AT FORT

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 14.—Death removed probably the only case of leprosy in the United States Army yesterday, when First Sergeant C. O. Mix of the Seventy-second Company Coast Artillery died in his lonely cot at the Fort Screven Reservation. The body of the soldier, who had taken military honors in the National Cemetery, in accordance with the last request of the dead soldier.

Mix served in the Cuban campaign during the Spanish-American war, where he contracted the disease. His father died recently, leaving him \$40,000, but the money was of no avail to him. His pay as a soldier also had accumulated.

An interesting story is told of the discovery of the nature of Sergt. Mix's disease. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, retired, then commander of the department in which Fort Screven is located, was on a tour of inspection and was walking about the post with several officers. Sergt. Mix and two or three of his comrades were sauntering along and saluted the officers as they passed.

Gen. Chaffee was struck by the peculiar appearance of Mix.

"What's the matter with that man?" he asked.

"Why, we don't know, General," answered one of the officers. "He came up from Cuba recently, where he had served during the Spanish war, and soon afterward was placed on the sick list. His case is baffling the surgeons, none of whom seems to be able to diagnose it."

"He has leprosy," said Gen. Chaffee, who was fresh from the Philippines and service in China during the Boxer campaign, had seen cases of that disease.

Investigation by the surgeons soon demonstrated the truth of Gen. Chaffee's diagnosis, and from that time Sergt. Mix lived a life of isolation at the post.

## 57 LIQUOR INDICTMENTS FOR SELLING TO INDIANS.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The Grand Jury sitting in connection with the present term of the United States Court, finished its work late yesterday afternoon, handing up a batch of fifty-seven indictments, all of which, it is understood, are against liquor dealers in Syracuse and vicinity for selling intoxicants to Indians on the Onondaga County Reservation.

A total of seventy-five cases were investigated by the Grand Jury, the list of crimes charged including smuggling, forgery of money orders, white slave traffic and other minor cases.

## WOMAN FOUND DEAD FROM HEART DISEASE

Bethel, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Emmeline Hochstetler, an aged woman who lived alone near this village, was found dead in her home yesterday by neighbors. Heart disease was the cause of death.

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## NEW HAVEN LEADER TO CHANGE NAME

**NEW COMPANY FORMED TO TAKE OVER OLD REPUBLICAN PAPER.**

An important change in New Haven newspaper circles became known yesterday with the filing of a certificate of incorporation of "The Times Publishing Company of New Haven," at the office of the secretary of state in Hartford. The new company is to take over the publication of the New Haven Evening Leader.

The incorporators of the new concern take over the business with a paid up capital of \$40,000. They are ex-Senator Minotie E. Chatfield, the president of the Chatfield Paper Co., ex-Mayor Frederick B. Farnsworth, ex-Chief Justice B. Graham, president of the West Haven Manufacturing company.

Hereafter, it is stated, William A. Hendrick, recently of Watertown, N. Y., who is the new business manager, will have "general control," as an important stockholder put it last night. On January 1, next, it is not probable, the new management will take hold formally and the name of the paper will be changed to the New Haven Times-Leader.

The Leader was started originally as a republican campaign sheet, with 65 stockholders. Now this number has dwindled down to seven, and the paper is understood to be in accord with the new management, which, it was declared last night, propose to issue an "independent" edition, newspapers. The issues of the paper will not be disturbed.

It is stated that Col. I. M. Ullman still retains his interest in the paper.

## Board of Pardons Hears Neill Case

Hartford, Dec. 14.—Without considering any of the petitions heard by the board yesterday the board of pardons has adjourned until next Monday with the Hartford county cases to be heard then. Interest in the session centered chiefly on the petition of Warren, the wife murderer, who on the 18th of this month will have completed 50 years behind prison bars. Ex-Governor Charles E. Fox of Rockville and Representative W. H. Hall made earnest appeals for Warren's pardon, but the board was not to be persuaded.

It was the general opinion of those in attendance at the hearing that a pardon will not be granted Warren. Another case that commanded much interest was that of Catherine Nell of Fairfield county, who is serving from five to nine years for manslaughter.

## POINTS OF INTEREST.

**Christmas Carnival.**  
The Universalist Women's club will hold a Christmas carnival in the church parlors on Tuesday and Wednesday the 14th and 15th. A turkey supper will be served each evening from 5:30 o'clock. There will be an entertainment each evening, at 8:30 o'clock. Music by the Mandolin club, Herbert Reid, leader.

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